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ANTI-COMMUNIST SENTIMENT IN SAMOKOV

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Samokov, a town on the banks of the Rila River, 60 kilometers southeast of Sofia, was before the war and at the time of the Communist seizure of power an especially prominent Communist center on which the party could depend. As Communist measures were increased, the communists in Samokov and other Bulgarian Communists decided that they had been mistaken in their expectations and that the regime was introducing measures diametrically opposed to those that had been promised. Samokov is today perhaps one of the most anti-Communist centers in Bulgaria.

Recently this hostility was openly shown toward some officers who are enrolled at a special school for officers established in the buildings of the 7th Artillery Regiment, which has been transferred elsewhere.

When the inhabitants of Smokov were forced to give their houses to the officers, they made the officers' lives impossible and even resorted to bodily mistreatment. The signal for this mistreatment came during a soccer game between a local team and a military team. The game ended in a brawl in the course of which the inhabitants attacked not the players, but the officers present.

Since then, a number of officers have been victims of night assaults and some were thrown into the Iskur River from the bridge at the entrance to town. In many cases the falls were fatal because the bridge is between 5 and 6 meters above the stream, from which rocks protrude. An inhabitant of Samokov declared that the officers no longer dare to go out at night without forming a group large enough to defend themselves.

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To date, four trials have been held by the Sofia courts in which the defendants were inhabitants of Samokov. They were found guilty of assaults on officers.

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